

## 2022 RISA Competition 3 Feedback Attachment

This document contains *all* feedback provided for Competition 3 letters of intent. Even if these comments are not directly related to your LOI, consider them as useful feedback about what makes a successful proposal.

These comments are based on a review of LOIs by federal officials involved in developing the competition priorities. These comments are based on the perspectives of those officials and may not coincide with the perspectives of the external panel of experts convened to review the full proposals.

Please email the RISA Program Managers ([oar.cpo.risa@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.cpo.risa@noaa.gov)) if you need clarification on any of this feedback. Additionally, you may schedule an appointment with us:

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- The project must focus on social & economic dimensions of climate variability and change. It is not sufficient to address a physical science issue that has social implications. The social/economic considerations must be the primary subject.
- To reflect RISA program objectives, proposals must be regionally relevant and utilize local expertise. The inclusion of experts and institutions based outside of the region must be well justified.
- The proposals must show that new collaborative relationships between relevant and locally based organizations or stakeholders will be formed as an outcome of the project.
- The goal of the competition is to cultivate new partnerships through engagement and to co-develop community-relevant research questions. While data collection might be part of the process, it should not be the primary goal.
- Proposals must identify and articulate a clear topical scope for the project.
- The proposal must address the geographic scope as outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity and should address the whole region in the planning activities and partnerships. When considering geographic scope, carefully read **1. Determining Geographic Scope** on page 3-4 of the [RISA Information Sheet](#). In addition, proposals in this competition are most relevant when they address a geographic scope similar to a RISA team which indicates a scope larger than a sub-state metropolitan area or watershed within a single state.
- Projects can use any information (NOAA or non-NOAA) that you deem appropriate for your planning/engagement activities.
- Projects/activities need to focus on long-term climate adaptation, not weather scale and preparedness actions, and building new networks that include those focused on climate adaptation.